

CLUB WOMEN CONVENE AT TUSKEGEE

Large Attendance, Harmony
Mark Convention Held
May 31, June 1-2

NEW DEAL IS THEME

The thirty-third annual session of the Alabama Federation of Colored Women's Clubs was held at Tuskegee Institute, May 31, June 1 and 2. The attendance was large and the reports showed that in spite of the depression, Clubwomen have never worked in happier cooperation or with greater accomplishment.

Cordial words of welcome were heard on the opening night from the Honorable G. B. Edwards, mayor of Tuskegee, and a telegram from Dr. R. R. Moten, president of the institution, was read by Rev. H. V. Richardson, who also represented the local clubs. The response was made by Mrs. A. D. Zuber of Birmingham.

An address was given by Mrs. A. W. Davis of Tusculum on "The Art of Home Making." She stressed the idea that beauty in the home is exemplified by the things which money cannot buy—love, consideration of the rights of others, loyalty, discipline and obedience, because the habit of respecting authority makes good citizens.

Mrs. Jessie Daniel Ames, head of the Women's department of the Southern Interracial Commission, brought a message of interracial goodwill. She stated that progress has been made in interracial relations in Alabama and emphasized the necessity of all women in the South getting together on things they have in common, religiously, politically and educationally. Reference was made to the memorable statement made some years ago by Nannie Burroughs, that when the white women of the South get ready to stop lynching, it will be stopped.

This statement was responsible for the first meeting of the association of Southern White Women for the Prevention of Lynching.

The general theme of the meeting "Women's View of the New Deal," was very effectively treated by Mrs. J. W. Munday of Tuskegee. High tribute was paid Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt for her recent appeal for equal educational opportunities for all children regardless of race, creed or color. Important information regarding relief projects under PWA, was given by Miss Mary Webber of the State Department and Miss Anne Creighton, national relief worker. On Friday night, Mrs. H. M. Gibbs presiding, a large audience was electrified by the very forceful message from Miss Nannie H. Burroughs, nationally known educator and lecturer of Washington, D. C.

She was presented by the president, Mrs. R. R. Moten, who stated that departing from her usual custom, she would not deliver an annual address but would give the time over to the noted guest. Miss Burroughs was given an enthusiastic ovation. She used as her theme, "Where Your Treasures Are." It was full of wholesome wit and humor, inspiration and common sense.

In appreciation to Miss Burroughs for the outstanding contribution which she is making to the race, a donation of \$329.00 was presented her from the federation, the Tuskegee Women's Club and friends in the community for the National Training School for Girls which she founded and is president. Many resolutions were read by Mrs. B. B. Walcott.

Officers were installed by Mr. A. L. Turner, the only change in the personnel being the election of Mrs. M. M. Lee of Montgomery as vice president-at-large filling the place left vacant by the passing of Mrs. W. T. B. Williams of Tuskegee. All of the busy day sessions were held in the Margaret Washington Hall. The executive sessions were presided over by Mrs. A. M. Brown of Birmingham. Reports were received from fifty old clubs and nine new. Donations and dues amounted to \$512.80.

A gift of \$100.00 was made to the Margaret Murray Washington Camp for Girls at Birmingham, and fifty dollars to the Interracial Goodwill Aviation Corporation. One thousand kits were pledged to the American Red Cross for ex-soldiers and sailors for Christmas. The Chamber of Commerce of one thousand dollars will be used to erect a memorial well at

the Margaret Murray Washington Home for Girls.

Junior Department

The junior hour conducted by Mrs. E. T. Wilson of Birmingham National Director of the Association of Colored Girls in the Southeast, was an enjoyable feature. Many talented young people from over the state took part in music, mathematics, song and dance. Mrs. F. McDavid, chairman of the junior department, presented the recently organized Alabama Association of Colored Girls. Mrs. Isabella Campfield of Tuskegee is president.

Choice music rendered by local and visiting artists throughout the sessions was a rare treat. Soloists were Mesdames Alberta Sims, Ella Mae Wright, George James, Lillian Stone Moore and Miss Isabella Thayer. The Tuskegee quartette also sang. Pianists were Misses Edythe Mae Johnston, Corinne Moton, Shirley L. Cross, Mesdames P. L. Trenholm, Polla Washington Pittman and Mrs. Sarah L. Stivers.

Splendid Delegation at 26th Annual Conference of Federation

OCALA, Fla., June 22.—Clubs from every section of Florida were represented in the splendid delegation that formed the Florida Federation of Colored Women's Clubs which held its twenty-sixth annual session at Ocala, June 10th to 12th, under the leadership of Mrs. Henrietta G. Andrews, who has capably served the organization as President for five years, and has recently been made chairman of the Credentials Committee of the National Association of Colored Women.

Past State and National officers in attendance at the convention were Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, Daytona Beach, Mrs. Blanche Armwood Washington, Tampa, and Mrs. Inez Alston Boyer, Tampa. Other distinguished speakers included Dr. J. R. E. Lee, President of the Florida State College, Tallahassee, who emphasized the ever-widening sphere of usefulness for organized groups of women in the social needs of the rural communities.

The President's Annual Address reported Florida's full compliance with the membership requirements of the National Association and the successful erection and dedication in Newberry, South Carolina, of a monument at the grave of Florida's first State-ized work among women and girls. President, Mrs. Harriett L. Dorroh, led by Mrs. Alice G. Mickens, Chairman of the Florida Executive Board.

Continued inter-racial efforts towards the establishment of a permanent institution for errant girls were evidenced in the report of Mrs. I. A. Boyer, State Chairman of that project which is the objective toward which the combined Florida groups are striving. The convention voted its hearty endorsement of the work of its es-

The Florida Federation of Colored Women's Club in convention assembled at Ocala, Florida, respectfully urges that immediate attention be given to erection of Industrial School for Errant Girls, funds for which were included as we understand, in recent grant to Florida Institutions from Federal Public Works Administration.

Mrs. Inez Alston Boyer, Tampa.
Mrs. Mary Jefferson Maren, Key West.
Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, Daytona Beach.
Mrs. Blanche Armwood Washington, Tampa.
Mrs. Henrietta G. Andrews, President, Jacksonville.

Copies were sent to Mrs. Ruth W. Atkinson, Commissioner of Public Welfare, Tallahassee, Florida and to Mrs. Edna G. Fuller, Chairman, Public Welfare Department, Florida Federation Women's Clubs.

Mr. Walter White, Secretary, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

69 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Whereas the crime of lynching has effected the peace and security of Negro life throughout the nation and particularly in the Southland, the Florida Federation of Colored Women's Clubs in convention assembled at Ocala, Florida, June 10th-12th inclusive, expresses its sincere appreciation for your tireless and fearless efforts towards the eradication of this shameful evil.

We endorse the Costigan-Wagner Anti-Lynching Bill, the courageous work of our Southern White Women, the Defense Fund Campaign and pledge anew to your organization our hearty support and cooperation. Miss Flavia Gleason, State Home Demonstration Agent, Tallahassee, Florida.

The Florida Federation of Colored Women's Clubs assembled at Ocala, June 10th-12th received reports from rural districts indicating dire need of extension of Home Economic program of the United States Department of Agriculture among Race population at this time when financial depression has so greatly intensified social problems among these most under-privileged people. Race women of Florida implore your special attention to matter of employing larger number of Race Home Demonstration Agents. Mrs. Jessie Daniel Ames, c/o The Inter-Racial Commission, Atlanta, Ga.

The Florida Federation of Colored Women's Clubs in convention assembled at Ocala, Florida, June 10th-12th inclusive, takes this means of expressing the sincere gratitude of the Race Womanhood of Florida for the courageous work done by the Inter-Racial Commission and Southern White women against lynching, mob violence and all form of social and economic injustice toward our under-privileged group.

Hon. Dave Sholtz, Governor, State of Florida, Tallahassee, Florida.

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teemed past State and National President, Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune and pledged its support to a state-wide campaign to be launched in the near future for Bethune-Cookman college.

Reports of local clubs brought tidings of successful achievement in every phase of social, civic, educational and religious work from the dispensing of material aid to a needy family to supplement the work of public or private social agencies, to the qualifying and voting of every Race woman in Key West to secure a square deal for the Race in civic affairs.

West Palm Beach took the lead among cities of the State for organized work among women and girls. Mrs. Alice G. Mickens, Chairman of the Florida Executive Board.

Ask For New Deal

The following telegraphic communications show conclusively the mind and spirit of the Florida women:

Hon. Dave Sholtz, Governor, State of Florida, Tallahassee, Florida.

ticipation of intelligent Race leadership in the administration of the program for the Race except in Jacksonville.

We suffer because of this condition and we call upon your office for such investigations as are necessary to make this what we know you would have it be—a square deal for all the people of Florida.

Copies were sent to Hon. Harry L. Hopkins, Administrator Federal Relief, and to Hon. Julius F. Stone, Jr., State Administrator F.E.R.A., Jacksonville, Florida.

The following women constituted a special committee appointed to draft and sign these important messages approved by the organization:

Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, Daytona Beach;

Mrs. Mary Jefferson Mareno, Key West;

Mrs. Henrietta G. Andrews, President, Jacksonville;

Mrs. Blanche Armwood Washington, Tampa.

Elect Officers

Officers elected for the ensuing term of two years were: Mrs. C. D. Williams, Tampa, President; Mrs. Alice G. Mickens, West Palm Beach, Vice-President; Mrs. Ella Jordon, Pensacola, Second Vice-President; Mrs. Mary Jefferson Mareno, Key West, Third Vice-President; Mrs. Carrie B. Hall, Tampa, Fourth Vice-President; Mrs. Fannie Ponder, St. Petersburg, Fifth Vice-President; Mrs. M. D. Bonner, Palatka, Sixth Vice-President; Dr. E. Carrie Hampton, Ocala, Chairman Executive Board; Mrs. L. F. Bryant, West Palm Beach, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. Nannie S. Freeland, St. Augustine, First Recording Secretary; Mrs. Sadie Pryor, Pensacola, Second Recording Secretary; Miss Alma Myrick, St. Petersburg, Third Recording Secretary; Mrs. W. D. Newman, Daytona Beach, Treasurer; Mrs. Alice Williams, Pensacola, Statistics; Mrs. Blanche Armwood Washington, Tampa, Parliamentarian; Mrs. Sadie V. Alexander, Ocala, Chaplain; Mrs. P. E. Gibbs, Jacksonville, State Organizer; Auditors: Mrs. C. T. Walker, West Palm Beach, Chairman; Mrs. Sadie Scott, Miami, Mrs. Bessie L. Williams, St. Petersburg; Mrs. Mattie Mitchell Donaldson, Ocala, Musical Director; Mrs. Daisy Stocking, Daytona Beach, Chairman Art Department.

The next session of the Federation will be held at Daytona Beach in June, 1935.

Mrs. Blanche Armwood Washington,
Publicity Chairman.

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Simpson, chairman suppression of lynchings and resolutions committee.

NEGRO WOMEN REPORT BETTER STATUS OF RACE

Northern Federation to
Elect Officers Today and
Hear Address On
Lynching.

General improvement in economic conditions for the Negro domestic and factory worker in States north of Pennsylvania was reported by speakers at the economic conference of the Northern Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc., which opened its 38th annual convention at St. John's Congregational Church yesterday.

gates as the convention opened its mental departments and efforts by or-morning sessions under the leadership organized societies to take work from of Mrs. Charlotte Bell of Brooklyn, colored people, who also presided at the morning meeting of the executive board. Rev. Edward D. Caffee of the Second Baptist Church, Philadelphia, greeted the delegates.

Mrs. M. T. Wright, first vice-president of the Northern Federation, presided at the afternoon session in the absence of the president, Mrs. E. C. Brooks, who was unable to attend due to the death of her husband, Bishop W. S. Brooks of the Texas diocese. Devotions were led by Mrs. M. L. Griffin of Philadelphia. The roll call of officers and the seating of delegates followed. Mrs. Ida L. Lasalle of Brooklyn, Mrs. Lucy A. Brown of Boston and Mrs. Pearl Blacknell of Saugus were appointed a publicity committee. Miss Amelia Burnett of Springfield entertained with solos.

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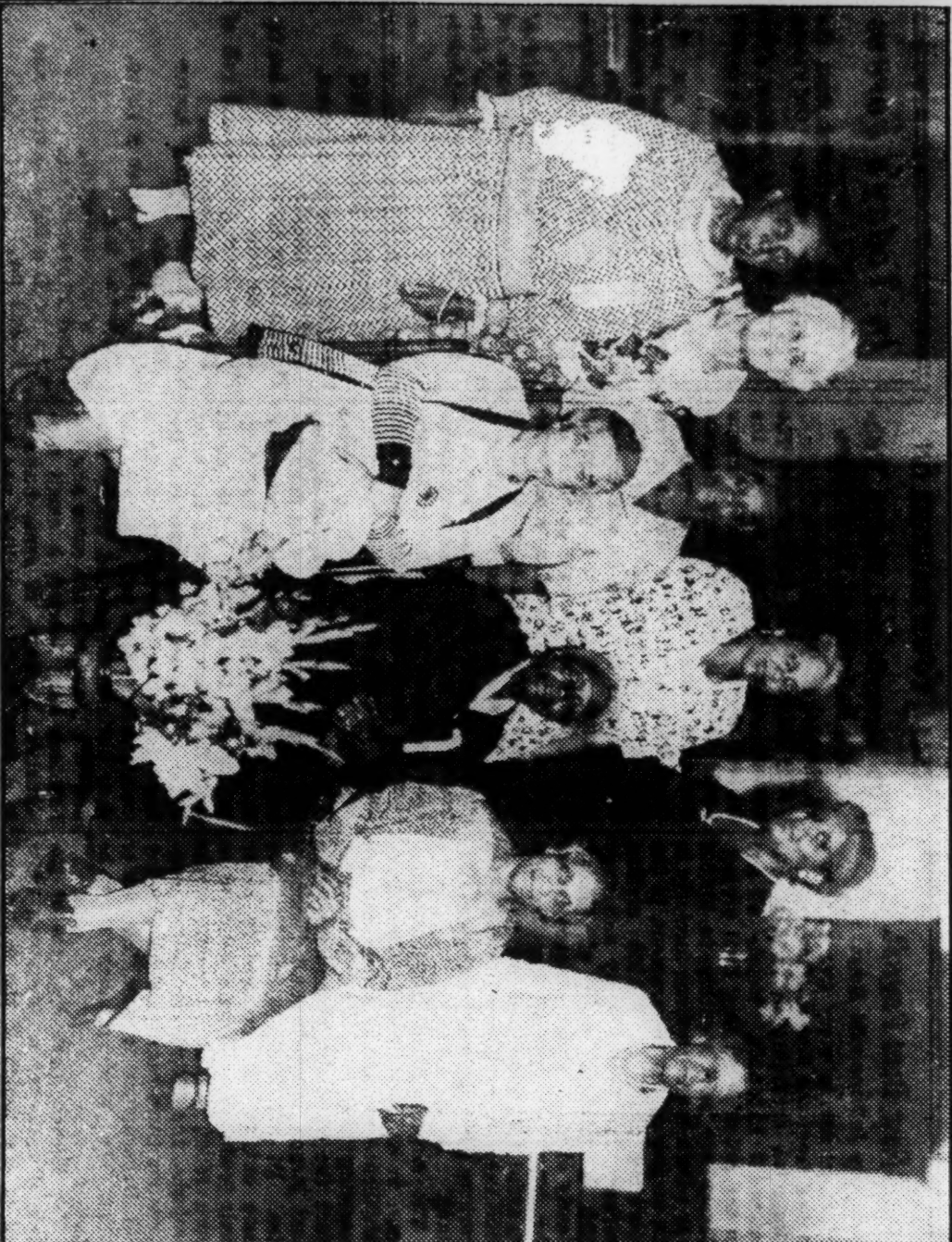
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"Resolved: That we commend the continued untiring efforts of the International Labor Defense league and their able lawyers, especially Atty Lebowitz, in the behalf of the Scottsboro boys, and we rejoice with them in their success in getting Angelo Herdon out of a \$15,000 bail from that hell-hole Fulton Tower prison.

"Resolved: That we as a race who knows that God answers prayer, pray that the scales may fall from our eyes, that we may know and love our friends no matter in what guise they are sent us by God. And may God give us strength and guidance to fight for justice till we conquer all prejudice in whatever form its venom stings."

Mrs Webb Is Absent

The convention was disappointed in not being able to have many of its executive board with it. Mrs Elizabeth Carter Brooks of New Bedford, a public school teacher in that city, and president of the federation, was unable to be present, owing to the death of her husband. Her mother, Mrs Martha Webb, 86, attended in her place.

Miss Roberta Dunbar of Providence, chairman of the executive board, could not attend as she fell recently and broke her hip. Others who were unable to be present were Mrs Lottie Harris of Derby, Ct., and Mrs Belle McCoy of New Haven.

Music at the morning session was furnished by Miss Amelia Brunett of this city, soprano, and the address of welcome was given by Mrs Ann Henderson of this city. Miss Gladys Holmes of Boston gave the response.

Mrs Laura Hall Collins of Brooklyn led the economics conference at 4.15, the topic being "Women in industry." Miss Agnes Hardin of this city also had a part in the program playing a piano solo. Reports were given by the financial secretary, by the credential's committee and club activities in the various states were reported upon. There was also a talk by Miss Alice Thompson, club organizer.

The night program included: Invocation—Chaplain, Mrs Mary Tribbett; singing—"All Hail the Power of Jesus's Name;" educational conference, led by Mrs Ada Talbert, Brooklyn; race history—literature; music—Mrs Stella Thomas, violinist, city; welfare conference, led by Mrs Rosa Brown, Boston; report of New York clubs; music—Clarence Calhoun, baritone, city; "Suppression of lynching" Mrs M. C. Simpson, Boston; address—fine arts conference, led by Mrs Nellie Smith, East Weymouth.

This morning various reports will be made and officers will be elected. There will also be a parliamentary drill. This afternoon a health conference will be held and tomorrow night the national Negro anthem will be sung and resolutions will be presented by Dr M. Cravath Simpson, a Boston chiropodist. There will be music by the Clarion quartet and the new officers will be introduced.

Tomorrow the executive board of the convention will hold its final meeting.

Prominent Persons at Convention Of Northeastern Club Federation



(Republican Staff Photo)

Left to right: Dr M. Cravath Simpson, chairman of the suppression of lynching and the resolutions committees; Mrs Martha D. Webb, mother of Mrs Elizabeth Carter Brooks, long-time president of the organization, and Mrs Minnie T. Wright, 1st vice-president and presiding officer.

**MRS. WRIGHT
HEADS N.E. FED.**

Elected President at Annual

Session in Springfield

Mrs. Minnie T. Wright, prominent clubwoman of Boston, was elected president of the Northeastern Federation of Women's Clubs at its 38th annual session held in St. Johns Congregational Church, Springfield, Mass., August 16 to 18, as guests of the Frances E. W. Harper Club.

A well arranged program of business reports and topics of the day,

was presented. 8-25-34

Outstanding on the program were the addresses and reports made by the chairmen of the following departments: Economics, Mrs. Laura Hall Collins of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Suppression of Lynching, Mrs. M. Cravath Simpson, Boston; Education, Mrs. Adele Talbert, Brooklyn, N. Y., assisted by Miss Susie Jones and Miss Gladys Holmes of Boston; Legislation, Mrs. Harriett A. L. Jones, Boston, assisted by Mrs. Madeline Dugger, West Medford, and Mrs. Bessie Payne, New York; Phyllis Wheatley, Mrs. L. K. Brown, Conn.; Junior Federation, Mrs. Nanie Walther, Boston.

The president, Mrs. Elizabeth Carter Brooks was unable to be present. Miss Gladys Holmes, president of the Mass. State Union, responded fittingly to the welcome address. The following officers were elect-

ed: Pres., Miss Susie F. Jones; 2nd Vice-Pres. Mrs. Florence Lopez, R. I. 3rd Vice-Pres. Mrs. Eileen Wooders, Conn.; 4th Vice-Pres. Lucretia Free-man, N. Y.; 5th Vice-Pres. Latney, Penn.; 6th Mrs. Ida E. Brown, N. J.; Rec. Sec'y Mrs. Grace Jackman, Wash., D. C.; Asst. Rec.-Sec'y Verna Canada, Woburn; Fin. Sec. Mrs. Mary E. Luck, Boston; Asst. Fin. Sec'y Miss Frankie Taylor, Boston; Treas., Miss S. Ella Wilson, Worcester; Chairman Exec. Board, Mrs. Bessie Payne, N. Y. City; Organizer, Miss Alice Thompson, Brooklyn; Auditor, Mrs. Luna Babcock, Springfield; Chaplain, Mrs. Alice Mapp, Brooklyn; Parliamentarian, Mrs. Charlotte Bell, Brooklyn; Department Heads; Education, Mrs. Adah W. Talbert, Brooklyn; Economics, Mrs. Laura Hall Collins, Brooklyn; Legislation, Mrs. Harriett O. L. Jones, Boston; Phyllis Wheatley Home, Mrs. L. K. Brown, New Haven; Health, Mrs. Sally Bronson, Springfield; Welfare, Mrs. Rosa Brown, Boston; Fine Arts: Mrs. Dora Coleman, Brooklyn; Suppression of Lynching: Mrs. M. Cravath Simpson, Boston; Junior Federation: Mrs. N. Walthers, Boston.

Jackson, Miss. Ledger

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Negro Women Are Seeking Influence M.F.W.C. Federation

A committee of Colored Women headed by their State President, B. L. Johnson of the Prentiss Institute, is soliciting the influence of the Mississippi State Federation of Women's clubs to secure the employment of more negroes on the relief program—the following appeal has been addressed to the clubs throughout the State Federation:

"As a committee appointed by the Mississippi State Federation of Colored Women's Clubs we have been charged with the duty of respectfully and urgently calling your attention to certain conditions existing among our group with the hope that we may enlist your support in bringing about a satisfactory and helpful change.

Among the many acute problems facing us, and the heaviest on the hearts of this organization, is that of creating a livelihood for our people. During the depression many persons of every group have been practically reduced to want and those who had less when it began have suffered most. Through the efforts and suggestions of our honored President Roosevelt, plans have been made by which no one needs suffer for the necessities of living is coveted by every right thinking man and woman.

"With these facts in mind we come to you with this request:

"Will you, collectively and individually, use your influence to the end that negroes be employed by the Welfare Agencies to serve negroes throughout the great State of Mississippi as FERA teachers, cooks for negro children where free lunches are furnished in the schools and as social workers, or in any and all places where negroes are served by the Welfare Agencies.

"We appreciate the willingness of the members of your group to serve us in these varied capacities, but, on the other hand, we deplore the fact that capable persons of our own group are denied the opportunity to render this service and benefit by the employment which is sorely needed. We need the funds to make our people self-supporting, and keep large numbers off the relief rolls.

"We know the influence your organization can have with the administrators of these agencies; and we also know and appreciate your high sense of fair play and equal opportunities to all; therefore, we earnestly solicit your aid in this important matter with no hesitancy but with great confidence."